

The Quaker Hill Quill

February 2024

Newly Elected Board of Directors

The Quaker Hill Board officers were elected at the November 16, 2023 Association annual meeting. They are:

President: Marci Greenberger

Vice President: Dominique Mack

Secretary: Lennin Lopez

Treasurer: Rose Gillespie

Director: *

*At the January 25, 2024 meeting, Mark Vaughn was nominated and approved by the Board to fill the vacant Director position until the end of 2024. We thank Mark for volunteering to serve the community and look forward to his participation.

Erosion Management Project

The project's goal is to reduce surface drainage and minimize the amount of runoff and sediment swept into the pond. Work on Phase I has been completed and included replacing and regrading the entire drainage system behind the townhouses at 1237-1249 Quaker Hill Drive to increase drainage capacity and redirect water to new drains. Phase II of the project will target the lower portion of the common area between the townhomes on Quaker Hill Drive and Dartmouth Road to further minimize erosion damage. The Board has received a preliminary work plan and cost proposal for Phase II work, but the cost estimates were much higher than budgeted; thus, a prioritized plan with alternatives (or additional phases) is now under study.

2023 Year in Review/Looking Ahead to 2024

As we reflect on the state of Quaker Hill in 2023, The Board of Directors acknowledge that it was a challenging year with mixed results. As our police liaison Sargent O'Malley reported at the January Board meeting, crime is up in the city by 31.8% year over year. Quaker Hill is not immune to this trend, as we experienced car thefts, assaults and two shooting incidents in the community, the latter thankfully with no physical injuries. The Board is working with the Alexandria City Police Department on efforts to increase community security — stay tuned for progress reports.

Also on the challenging side of the ledger, the trickle stream near the pond continues to flummox engineers, a year into repair efforts. We do remain committed to returning the stream to working condition, as it contributes to the health of the pond.

The Board implemented a new covenants inspection process last year, working with a third-party inspection service. The process wasn't perfect and will be tweaked for 2024, but the majority of residents who received citations remedied the issues quickly. The responsiveness was appreciated.

On a positive note, the community enjoyed a relatively quiet pool season, with no break-ins or vandalism. The Board eliminated cash-based guest passes and introduced a new electronic pool-use application. We are now completely cashless at the clubhouse, making it a less enticing target for theft. The Board also applied a technology solution for guest parking passes, greatly reducing the abuse of visitor parking and resident frustration.

The Board will continue to evaluate solutions to increase resident satisfaction and property values. Please consider being an active participant in the community — attend a monthly Board meeting, serve on a volunteer committee, raise a concern or make a suggestion. The Board is committed to giving each recommendation its due consideration. To those who served in 2023, thank you for the generosity of your time and efforts.



Trash Disposal

Residents of single-family detached homes and townhomes are reminded that trash containers may not be placed outside earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the evening before collection and must be returned to storage not later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of collection. Please put your trash can out of view on non-pick up days.

The regular trash collection day is Tuesday. During a week when Monday or Tuesday is a holiday, you may call the City's Resource Recovery Division, 703-746-4311 or check the city of Alexandria website at www.alexandriava.gov/RefuseCollection for information on trash collection.

TMP

Quaker Hill participates in the city-wide Transportation Management Program (TMP) that promotes mass transit usage.

Part of our monthly assessment fee funds this program. As a bona fide Quaker Hill resident, you are eligible to add benefits to your SmarTrip cards at a 50% discount. SmarTrip cards are good for use on Metro rail, bus, and parking facilities as well as for use on other participating transit agencies.



ITEM	COST TO YOU
Transit benefit: \$250 maximum benefit per household per month (specified by resident per SmarTrip card)	\$125.00

How to Set Up a TMP Account:

1. Purchase a SmarTrip card(s) at any Metrorail station or commuter store (the nearest one is located in Shirlington). A SmarTrip card costs \$10 (\$2 for card and \$8 in stored value).
2. Send the card(s) serial number and resident's name to SFMC to set up an account. The card MUST be registered with SFMC to add transit benefits.
3. A maximum of four cards may be registered with SFMC.

How to Add Fare to your SmarTrip card:

1. After your card(s) have been registered with SFMC, send a check to SFMC requesting the amount to be added to each card.
2. Memo on check must note "FOR TMP BENEFITS".
3. Mail check to Quaker Hill Community Association, c/o SFMC, Inc., 9464 Innovation Dr., Manassas, VA 20110.
4. The outside of the envelope should include "Attn.: TMP Benefits".

All orders must be paid in full in advance before SFMC will add benefits. TMP benefits are added electronically between the 1st and 21st of each month and will be available the 1st of the following month. You cannot register cards issued by an employer through an employee benefits program.

Cards/benefits may not be sold or transferred to others. Misuse may result in the temporary or permanent loss of TMP benefits.

Quaker Hill Community Association Information

Board of Directors

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 Lennin Lopez, Secretary
 Rose Gillespie, Treasurer & Newsletter
 Mark Vaughn, Director

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The Quaker Hill Community Association Board of Directors meets via teleconference at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month except for November and December. If you wish to

participate, email SFMC at sfmcinfo@sfmcinc.com before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting or subscribe to the email notification list at the above address to get call-in information. Questions, concerns, and comments may be emailed to SFMC by noon on the day before the meeting.

Quaker Hill Condominium Association

Management Company: First Service Residential, 703-385-1133
 Association President: John Sesler, jsesler@comcast.net

Important Numbers to Remember

Police—Fire—Medical Emergency*	911
Police Non-Emergency	703-746-4444
Police Non-Emergency TDD line	703-838-4896
Online Crime Reporting	www.alexandriava.gov/police
National Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Animal Control	703-746-4774

*The Alexandria Police Department is located at 3600 Wheeler Ave.; the closest fire station (#207) is located at 3301 Duke Street.

www.QHCA.org

Covenants Inspections

Covenant inspections will be conducted this spring to assess needed repairs and to bring homes in our community up to compliance. In the past, the most cited violations were related to needed power washing of home surfaces and driveways, deferred maintenance items such as painting, fence and gutter repairs, and yard/landscape upkeep. With spring just around the corner, please inspect your home now for needed projects and repairs. Covenant inspections focus on deferred maintenance items only, not on design violations. Residents are reminded that requests for exterior updates must be submitted to the Board for approval.

Before taking on a project, please refer to the design and covenants guidelines posted on the Quaker Hill website (www.qhca.org) under “Updated Design Standards 8/25/10. The Board reminds residents that requests to change the exterior of a home, e.g., paint color, must be submitted through the design review application process and approved by the Board. Information on the design review application process is available on the website noted above. A quick reference guide to approved paint colors follows:

Approved Trim Colors (all McCormick Paint Products)

- #108 Wheat—homes on Ellsworth, Yale, and Quaker Hill Court
- #101 Amber White—homes on Quaker Hill Drive, Dartmouth Road, Dartmouth Court, and Princeton Boulevard

Approved Shutters and Front Door Colors (all McCormick Paint Products)*

- #111 Tavern Beige
- #117 Fawn
- #215 Cobblestone Grey
- #220 Georgetown Green
- #224 Deep Brown
- #225 Old Colonial Red
- #447 Patuxent Blue
- #217 Farm House Road
- #479 Cape Blue
- #449 Chesapeake

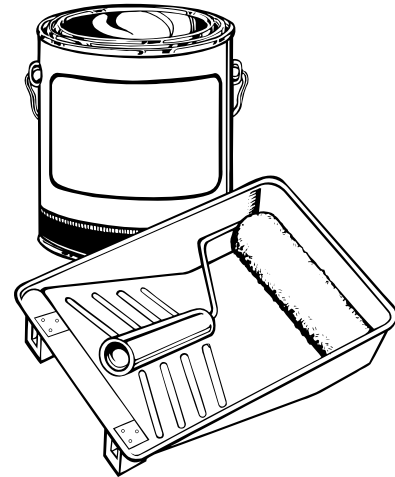
*Shutters and doors should be painted the same color.

Garage Doors

- Must be painted to match the trim of the house or as closely as possible if the garage door is made of manufactured materials.

Approved Metal Railing Colors

- McCormick #220 Georgetown Green, black or painted to match the house trim.



2024 QHCA Board Meeting Schedule and Information

2024 Meeting Dates	General Meeting Information
February 22	Meetings start at 7 p.m.
March 28	Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, which is not always the last Thursday.
April 25	For call-in information, email SFMC at sfmcinfo@sfmcine.com before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting OR sign up for the email notification list to get call-in information.
May 23	Questions, concerns, and comments may be emailed to SFMC by noon on the day before the meeting.
June 27	Agendas will be provided to homeowners on the email notification list and those who contact SFMC for call-in information.



Visitor Parking Registration

Guest vehicles **must** be registered to park in our community. Go to www.qhca.parkingattendant.com and fill out the registration form, including the private passcode provided to each homeowner in the October 2023 information packet. Failure to do so may result in immediate towing, immobilization, or fees. During the initial implementation of required registration, several cars were given warnings as a courtesy. As noted above, unregistered visitor cars are subject to immediate towing, without warning.

Please be mindful that visitor parking spaces are reserved for visitors and not for resident overflow parking. All residents are urged to familiarize themselves with Quaker Hill policies related to vehicle use, parking, and storage. Go to www.qhca.org for more details.



Reminder re Electric Scooters and Bikes

Several residents have been using electric scooters and bikes around the pond sidewalk, causing safety concerns for pedestrians. Please note that Alexandria bans electric scooters and bikes from all sidewalks in the City. Go to www.alexandriava.gov/docklessmobility (click on Frequently Asked Questions) for additional information on these scooters and bikes and how to report abandoned ones.



Alexandria Police Use Electronic License Plate Readers to Fight Crime

The Alexandria Police Department (APD) uses electronic license plate readers to aid in combating the recent spike in crime in Alexandria and elsewhere. The electronic license plate readers automatically recognize and interpret characters on vehicle license plates, and then these data are compared against a list of license plates that may be of interest to law enforcement. With the help of 6 electronic readers, the APD has recovered 22 stolen vehicles and more than \$350,000 of stolen property, issued 37 arrests or warrants, and located 2 missing persons since March 2023. APD plans to deploy 12 additional license plate readers in fixed locations that are unduly affected by crime.

Flock Cameras

In response to an uptick in criminal activity in the metro area and specific incidents in Quaker Hill (as noted on page 1), the Board also is considering the installation of Flock cameras as a deterrent to unlawful activities. Flock cameras serve as electronic license plate readers that automatically feed information to law enforcement agencies. Communities in McLean, Fairfax City, Fairfax County, Falls Church, as well as other Alexandria neighborhoods, have already installed Flock cameras and report a high degree of satisfaction. A referral contact in McLean indicated that their community installed Flock cameras when their neighborhood was being targeted for home robberies and have since become strong advocates of the Flock system. Fairfax County also reports that the cameras have aided in recovering stolen cars, firearms, and narcotics.

The Board is considering conducting a community-wide pilot program to begin in spring 2024. Residents who do not want to participate in the Flock-camera pilot program may opt out by requesting their vehicles be excluded from reporting to law enforcement. However, requests to exclude vehicles in Quaker Hill will not prevent other neighborhoods/jurisdictions from providing license plate information to law enforcement. Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Board with ideas they may have about enhancing safety in our community. SFMC will be sending more detailed information to all homeowners and posting details on the qhca.org website.

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